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In re Application of:

Sutapa Bhaduri et al.

Serial No: 10/052,291

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: Metal Part Having A Dense Core
And Porous Periphery,
Biocompatible Prosthesis And
Microwave Sintering

Attorney

Docket Number: IDRF113

Group Art Unit: 1775

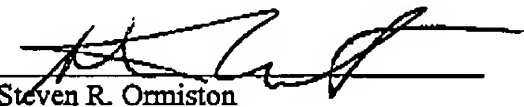
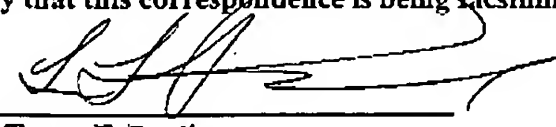
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003

Response To Office Action
Serial No. 10/052,291

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: IDRF113		
Application Serial Number: 10/052291		Filing Date: 1/18/2002		Examiner: J. McNeil		Art Unit: 1775
Invention: METAL PART HAVING A DENSE CORE AND POROUS PERIPHERY, BIOCOMPATIBLE PROSTHESIS AND MICROWAVE SINTERING						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	26	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	16	0	\$43	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00
_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. _____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached. _____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.						
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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter
2. Response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2003